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C O N F I D E N T I A L MAPUTO 0144

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ALLEGED SIZE AND COST OF MOZAMBIQUE ARMY

1. EMBOFFS WERE INFORMED BY LOCAL BUSINESSMAN WHO FORMER SENIOR OFFICER IN ECONOMIC PLANNING MINISTRY THAT MOZAMBIQUE ARMY CURRENTLY CONSISTS OF APPROXIMATELY 40,000 MEN AND REQUIRES A MONTHLY GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE OF 240 MILLION ESCUDOS, BROKEN DOWN ROUGHLY INTO 120 MILLION ESCUDOS PER MONTH FOR SALARIES AND 120 MILLION ESCUDOS FOR ADMINISTRATION. SOURCE CLAIMED THIS INFORMATION FROM HIGHLY-PLACED COLLEAGUES WHO WORK WITH THESE FIGURES, STATED THAT BASE SALARY PER SOLDIER IS 1,800 ESCUDOS PER MONTH. FROM THIS IS DEDUCTED COST OF UNIFORM AND ANY LEAVE TAKEN BY SOLDIER DURING MONTH. SPECIALISTS AND OFFICERS ARE PAID HIGHER BASE SALARY.

2. COMMENT: WHILE SOURCING OF ABOVE INFORMATION VAGUE IT HAS RING OF FACT TO US, ALTHOUGH WE WOULD ESTIMATE THE SIZE OF THE ARMY ABOUT ONE THIRD LESS.
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